

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 12,13,17 and 24, and add claims 35 through 42, as follows:

Claims 1-11. (Canceled)

1 12. (Currently Amended) A time indicator, comprising:

2 a movement element; and

3 a flying tourbillon module, said flying tourbillon module being visible from a dial side
4 of said movement element;

5 said flying tourbillon module comprising a cantilevered bearing that supports said
6 flying tourbillon module;

7 wherein said flying tourbillon module comprises an independent element relative to
8 said time indicator, and said flying tourbillon module is separable as said tourbillon module
9 from said movement element via a rear side of said time indicator.

1 13. (Currently Amended) The time indicator of claim 12, said flying tourbillon
2 module comprising:

3 a balance bridge;

4 a collet forming a cage with said balance bridge; and

5 a balance disposed in said cage between said collet and said balance bridge; and
6 bearing means for supporting said balance bridge, said collet and said balance.

1 14. (Previously Presented) The time indicator of claim 13, wherein said bearing
2 means comprises a single ball bearing.

1 15. (Previously Presented) The time indicator of claim 13, said flying tourbillon
2 module further comprising a shaft on which said balance is mounted, said shaft having an
3 end, said bearing means comprising a bearing positioned a distance from said end of said
4 shaft at a level of a center of gravity of said flying tourbillon module.

1 16. (Previously Presented) The time indicator of claim 13, wherein said collet has a
2 diameter greater than a diameter of any other element so as to define a space requirement in
3 a plane of the time indicator.

1 17. (Currently Amended) The time indicator of claim 13, wherein said balance is
2 ~~disposed off center arranged eccentrically~~ within the cage.

1 18. (Previously Presented) The time indicator of claim 13, wherein said flying
2 tourbillon module further comprises a shaft on which said balance is mounted, a cannon
3 surrounding said shaft, and a tourbillon bridge on which said collet is disposed, and wherein
4 said balance bridge, said collet, said balance, said bearing means and said tourbillon bridge
5 form an integral unit supporting regulatory elements of said time indicator.

1 19. (Previously Presented) The time indicator of claim 17, wherein said regulatory
2 elements include an oscillator shaft having an end, said bearing means comprising a bearing
3 positioned between a plane of said end of said oscillator shaft and a plane of a center of
4 gravity of said flying tourbillon module.

1 20. (Previously Presented) The time indicator of claim 13, wherein said balance
2 bridge is formed of one of a transparent material and a semi-transparent material so as to
3 serve as a second hand of said time indicator.

1 21. (Previously Presented) The time indicator of claim 13, wherein said balance
2 bridge carries at least one of precious stones, precious metals and ornaments so as to serve
3 as a second hand of said time indicator.

1 22. (Previously Presented) The time indicator of claim 12, wherein said flying
2 tourbillon module is positioned in a plane of a dial of the time indicator and is visible from
3 the dial side of the time indicator in one of a six o'clock position and a twelve o'clock
4 position.

1 23. (Previously Presented) The time indicator of claim 12, said time indicator
2 including a dial, said flying tourbillon module being positioned in said movement element

3 in a raised manner relative to said dial.

1 24. (Currently Amended) A method of assembling a time indicator ~~of~~ with a balance
2 spring flying tourbillon ~~type~~, comprising the steps of:

- 3 (a) providing the time indicator with a movement element and regulatory elements;
4 (b) providing a flying tourbillon module ~~which includes~~ comprised of a plurality of
5 elements forming an integral module ~~for~~ supporting the regulatory elements; and
6 (c) mounting the flying tourbillon module in the ~~time indicator~~ movement as said
7 integral module removably separable from the movement element.

1 25. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 24, wherein the plurality of elements
2 of said flying tourbillon module comprises at least one of a balance bridge, a collet, a
3 balance, a cannon, a bearing, and a tourbillon bridge.

1 26. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 24, wherein step (b) comprises
2 assembling said flying tourbillon module as a separate component relative to said movement
3 element and said regulatory elements of said time indicator.

1 27. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 24, wherein said flying tourbillon
2 module is separable from said time indicator and is thereby adjustable outside the movement
3 element of said time indicator.

1 28. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 24, wherein step (c) comprises
2 inserting the flying tourbillon module from a side of the movement element opposite to a dial
3 side of the time indicator.

1 29. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28, wherein step (c) further
2 comprises inserting the flying tourbillon module into an opening in the movement element.

1 30. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 29, wherein step (c) further
2 comprises fixing the flying tourbillon module to the movement element on the side of the
3 movement element opposite to the dial side of the time indicator.

1 31. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 30, wherein the plurality of elements
2 of said flying tourbillon module includes a tourbillon bridge, and step (c) comprises fixing
3 the tourbillon bridge of said flying tourbillon module to the movement element on the side
4 of the movement element opposite to the dial side of the time indicator.

1 32. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 24, wherein step (c) comprises
2 inserting the flying tourbillon module into an opening in the movement element.

1 33. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 24, wherein step (c) comprises fixing
2 the flying tourbillon module to the movement element on a side of the movement element
3 opposite to a dial side of the time indicator.

1 34. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 24, wherein the plurality of elements
2 of said flying tourbillon module includes a tourbillon bridge, and step (c) comprises fixing
3 the tourbillon bridge of said flying tourbillon module to the movement element on a side of
4 the movement element opposite to a dial side of the time indicator.

1 35. (New) The time indicator of claim 13, comprising a shaft supporting said
2 oscillator, whereby said shaft has a first extremity driving into a cannon fixed to the collet
3 and a second extremity driven into the balance bridge.

1 36. (New) The time indicator of claim 12, wherein said movement comprises an
2 opening extending from the front to the back of the movement, where by said opening has
3 a diameter which is larger than the diameter of said collect.

1 37. (New) The method of claim 25, wherein the collet is arranged within an
2 opening of the movement which extends from the front side to the back side of the
3 movement.

1 38. (New) A time indicator with a balance spring, comprising:
2 a movement; and
3 a flying tourbillon module;
4 said flying tourbillon module comprising a cantilevered bearing that supports a flying
5 tourbillon assembly;
6 said flying tourbillon assembly comprising
7 a balance bridge;
8 a collet forming a cage with said balance bridge;
9 a shaft;
10 a balance mounted on said shaft disposed in said cage between said
11 collet and said balance bridge;
12 a regulator; and
13 a cannon whereto said cage is attached to, wherein said flying
14 tourbillon module is visible from a dial side of said movement;
15 wherein said flying tourbillon module is designed as an independent element relative
16 to said time indicator; and
17 said flying tourbillon module is separable as said flying tourbillon module from said
18 movement element via a rear side of said time indicator.

1 39. (New) The time indicator of claim 38, wherein extremities of said shaft
2 comprise anti-shock units.

1 40. (New) The time indicator of claim 39, comprising a pallet oscillator with a
2 pallet wheel.

1 41. (New) The time indicator of claim 40, comprising an internal toothed crown
2 attached to the balance bridge, whereby said pallet wheel is engaged with said internal
3 toothed crown creating the rotation of the pallet wheel about an axis of said pallet wheel by
4 the motion of the collet.

1 42. (New) The time indicator of claim 38, wherein the bearing means is a ball
2 bearing.